

# GRAUSTARK

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## ALL NEW YORK CITY GAME FINALLY BEGINS!

The new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game, limited to residents of New York City, was delayed somewhat by the resignation of the Austro-Hungarian player. This vacancy has now been filled, and the game can go ahead. Meanwhile, it has been given the game number "1975IX". All players should use this designation.

The players in 1975IX are:

ENGLAND: Lawrence Chafetz, 588 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. 10024; 595-6814

FRANCE: Edwyn L. Jacobs, 40 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218; 871-5416

GERMANY: Cyril Penn, 67-38 108th St., Forest Hills, N. Y. 11375; 544-0086 (home) or 986-6800 (office)

ITALY: John Kramer, #8-G, 243 E. 30th St., New York, N. Y. 10016; 889-9759

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Steve Whitmore, Apt. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223; 376-5065

RUSSIA: Robert Eisen, 1 David Lane, Yonkers, N. Y. 10701; 914-375-0525 (home) or 264-9276 (office)

TURKEY: Robert Fischetti, 48-39 58th Lane, Woodside, N. Y. 11377; 421-0064

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976.

This game was a real problem to fill, I finally had to include Bob Eisen on the basis of his office telephone within New York City, and then it took nearly a month to replace Gary Stratton after he had to resign. However, the convenience of being able to negotiate by telephone, and the speed made possible for all retreats, removals, and builds, will compensate.

"If you watch TV all the time and enjoy it, you're an adolescent. If you watch TV all the time and don't care, you're a workman. If you watch TV all the time and are ashamed of it, you're an intellectual. If you watch TV all the time and are proud of it, you're Norman Lear." - adapted from New Statesman 24 Oct. 1975

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## MORE NEW GAMES OPEN

In answer to numerous requests, the management of GRAUSTARK announces the opening of new postal Diplomacy games. Despite the recent increase of postal rates, the entry fee remains \$10. For the rules of postal Diplomacy as played in GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin of this hobby, see #318. If you do not have a copy of this issue, please ask for one when you send in your game fee. (However, I only have a few left, so don't write for one unless you absolutely have to.)

When you send in your entry fee, please send with it a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in the order of your preference. I will try to meet everyone's preference as well as I can.

Stand-by entries, in these or existing games, are \$5 each.

1974IA

"Winter 1905"

## ANOTHER MAN DONE GONE?

ENGLAND (Harrah): No removal received.

Gamesmaster removes F Bar.

FRANCE (Parke): Builds F Bre, F Mar.

TURKEY (Malay): Builds A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976. Raymond E. Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y. 11418 (212-441-7757) is asked to send in stand-by moves for England. If Bill Harrah does not, Ray's moves will be used, and he will become the fifth substitute to get into this game.

"The Soviet Union would be infinitely better off if corruption were absolutely universal. It would remain, then, only to declare corruption to be legal - and you would approach a free market system." - William F. Buckley, New York Post, 27 Dec. 1975

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"The captain of a Greek fishing vessel netted the biggest catch of his life yesterday - a Turkish submarine." - New York Post, 14 Nov. 1975

1974HQ

"Fall 1907"

## IRON RING TIGHTENS

ENGLAND (Robinson): A Yor-Edi; F Nwy-Nth; F Lon holds.FRANCE (Lariton): A Naf-Tun; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur holds.GERMANY (McCullam): A Tyr-Vie; A Boh-Gal; A Sil & A War S A Boh-Gal; A Mun-Boh; F Nth-Nwy; A St.P S F Nth-Nwy; A Den-Swe; F Bal S A Den-Swe; F Eng-Lon; A Ukr-Rum.ITALY (Drakert): F Con-Aeg; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr; A Rom-Tue; F Lyo-Mar; A Spa S F Lyo-Mar; F Wes S A Spa; F Tyr-Tun; A Ank-Con.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKeon): A Vie holds; A Tri S A Vie; A Ser-Bul; A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Bud; A Rum S A Sev; F Bla S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Nwy is dislodged and may retreat to Bar, Nrg, or Ska, or may be removed. This retreat should be sent in BY IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL with the "Winter 1907" build and removal, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

ITALY: Ank, Con, Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hel, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (11)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (8)

Italy may build one unit and France must remove one; England also has a build if the dislodged F Nwy was removed. THESE "Winter 1907" MOVES MUST BE SENT IN IMMEDIATELY. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976.

BERLIN: Great German Victory in Galicia! An enveloping "pincer" movement led by the Uhlans and 11th Imperial Hussars have crushed a large enemy force. 3900 Austrian dead; 11,000 prisoners and 80 guns captured - enemy routed.

Kaiser: Gott mit uns. Ich denck der Schwein haf ein Apfel in den Maut. These are troops he will not easily replace."

Marshall Mockbock (leader of victorious 2nd Army): "Austria is like the poor old snake that didn't have a pit to hiss in."

Marshall King Ludwig: "I see Germany; I see France; I see somebody's underpante."

1975H

"Spring 1906"

## FRENCH AND GERMANS MIX IT UP

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Bar-St.PFRANCE (Heger): A Kie-Hol; A Bur-Mar; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Spa-Por; A Bre holds; A Pic-Bel.GERMANY (Chafetz): A Bel holds; F Eng S A Bel; A Liv-Yor; F Edi-Nth; F Nth-Hel; A Mun-Kie; A Hol holds ((sic; no such unit exists))ITALY (Lariton): F Mid-Por; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr; A Pie-Mar; A Tyr-Boh; F Con-Bla; A Ven-Tyr; A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Gal; A Bud-Rum; A Bul S A Bud-Rum; F Smy-Aeg.RUSSIA (Cathcart): F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Moe-Sev; A War S A Ukr; A Nwy-St.P; F Swe-Nwy.TURKEY (Silver): A Ber-Sil; F Ank S RUSSIAN F Sev-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976

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I am reliably informed that John Mirassou, publisher of the now-defunct Command Post, has transferred his obligations to a certain Randy Christopher who is not fulfilling them. Players should be wary about having to do with either of these people.

1975AF

"Spring 1906"

## RUSSIANS LAND IN SCOTLAND

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Russia builds F St.P(n.c.) and England removes F Bal.

ENGLAND (David Dalman): F Wal-Liv.

GERMANY (Michal): A Bur-Mun; A Hol-Ruh; A Kie holds; F Hel-Den; F Lon-Nth; F Yor-Edl.

ITALY (Eisen): F Eng-Wal; F Iri S F Eng-Wal; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr; F Apu S A Ven; F Lon-Aeg; F Adr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): A Tyr-Ven; A Boh-Tyr; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Bud S A Tri; A Ser-Gre; A Alb-Gre; F Aeg-Eas; A Rum-Bul.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Nwy-Cly; F Nrg C A Nwy-Cly; A Swe S F Den; F Ska-Nth; F Den S F Ska-Nth; A Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun; A Mun-Ruh; A Sev holds; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Tyr-Vie. This situation illustrates well the rules about support. The Austro-Hungarian attack against Venice failed because an attacking force of two was resisted by a defending force of two. This being the case, the Italian A Ven was not dislodged, and was thus able to support the Italian attack into the province from which Venice was being attacked. This attack succeeded. See Examples 5, 6, 8, and 9 on p. 6 of the Rulebook.

The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976.

1975ET

"Winter 1903"

## BALANCE OF NAVAL POWER SHIFTS

ENGLAND (Penn): Builds F Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rittel): Builds A Vie, F Tri.

GERMANY (Squires): Removes A Boh.

TURKEY (Remmele): Builds A Ank.

ITALY (Lerman): Removes F Naf, A Pie.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976. The proposed draw once more fails of unanimity, and is re-submitted for another vote with the next moves. Those supporting this draw are reminded that they must vote approval each time the draw comes up for a vote, and that abstention is equivalent to a negative vote.

1975QQ

"Winter 1904"

## SHOWDOWN SHAPES UP

Following "Fall 1904" move France removed the dislodged F Spa(e.c.)

ENGLAND (Ripper): Builds F Lon, A Liv.

ITALY (Kramer): Builds A Ven.

FRANCE (Robinson): Removes A Mar.

TURKEY (Bowman): Builds A Con.

GERMANY (Wiencek): Builds A Ber.

Stephen Haas resigned as France following the "Fall 1904" moves and is replaced by Ron Robinson, whose address appears on p. 6 with the report of 1975Q. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976. David Wiencek reports that he is back at his Virginia address now.

1975GW

"Winter 1902"

## RUSSIANS SCUTTLE

Following "Fall 1902" move Russia removed the dislodged F Swe rather than retreat.

ENGLAND (Spiegel): Builds A Edi.

GERMANY (Sergeant): Builds A Ber, A Mun.

FRANCE (Bowman): Removes A Pic, A Mar.

ITALY (Douglas Dalman): Builds F Rom, F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976. Dick Trtek writes that his ZIP Code is "97214", not "97123" as I've been printing it. Press releases, regrettably, will have to be postponed to a future issue owing to lack of space.

1974GO

"Spring 1909"

## ARMISTICE CONCLUDED

Following "Fall 1908" moves, France retreated A Kie-Ruh, A Ven-Rom, and removed A Hol. Austria-Hungary built A Bud.

ENGLAND (Doyle): E Kie-Hol; : A Pru-War; : A Mun-Kie; F Hel-Nth; F Nth-Yor; F Bal S A Mun-Kie; F Nrg S F Hel-Nth; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Edl S F Nth-Yor.

FRANCE (Amer): A Tyn-Ven; A Pie & A Rom S A Tyr-Ven; F Tyr & F Nap S F Ion; F Ion & A Bel hold; A Sil-Mun; A Ruh & A Bur S A Sil-Mun; F Lon-Nth; F Liv-Nat.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Zimmermann): A Ukr-War; A Gal S ENGLISH A Pru-Sil; A Vie-Tyr; A Boh S A Vie-Tyr; A Ven S A Vie-Tyr; A Rum-Ukr; A Bud-Rum; A Tri S A Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Ven is dislodged. Following these moves, all players agreed to a peace of exhaustion, and the game is accordingly declared a draw among the four surviving players. The Gamesmaster would like to thank them for hanging in until the end, and invites any of them, or any other reader, to write an account of this game.

## 1975GW - PRESS RELEASES

SALAMI: When Charles II of England and etc. takes over France will he call himself King Charles III of France, England, and etc.? If so wasn't King Charles the III of France nicknamed Charles the Simple?

VATICAN CITY: The most gracious Pope Pushius IX declared that "It is good the Italians are trying to take Spain because now we can burn the people who were running the Inquisition." All detractors take note.

SOFIA (via Constantinople): Bulgaria has polygyny! King Pavlo I of this country announced that fact today. He said that this decision was encouraged by Sultan Abdul Hamid II of Turkey, Syria, and Persia.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (CONIM): Total mobilization was ordered in this kingdom following the Italian government's stated desire to wage war where its soldiers could 1) chase women, 2) get a good suntan, and 3) drink lots of wine. "We don't know why they left out the loaf of bread," said one government spokesman, "but in all respects this threat can only refer to us." When asked what mobilization in Skandalutz meant, the spokesman replied, "Twice the usual number of caterers at the Solstice Festival."

VIENNA (CONIM): Demands continued for a punitive expedition to the Principality of Wogastisburger-Neustadt following the speeches of Assembly Deputy Franz Joe Magyarty. In recent weeks Magyartyism has swept the Dual Monarchy in the wake of treasonous utterances concerning Marxism by Obermajor Hans Pfeffertopf of W-N, nominally a fief of the Dual Monarchy. With cries of "Twenty Decades of Treason," Magyarty supporters demonstrated in favor of reasserting Austro-Hungarian control over the Balkan Massif Nation. Action of some form seemed inevitable.

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLO (CONIM): Tradian was heavy around the Grand Ducal Bourse amid rumors of an Austro-Italian assault upon the Balkan Massif and recent upheaval in other parts of the Continent. The lira and mark remained strong, while the franc plummeted and the Four And A Half Kingdoms finished at 4 1/8, down 3/8. Meanwhile, Count d'Avino, this country's "grey eminence", discounted the war threats. "The Italian statement about wine, women, and sunshine could apply to a dozen half-baked principalities, our own included," he said. "Meanwhile," d'Avino continued, "I wouldn't put much faith in that pipsqueak Magraty. We remember him from the last time Beaucouillon received a surge of Austro-Hungarian stragglers. The Countess kept calling him 'Tail Gunner' Joe. Let's not discuss why," requested d'Avino as he spun the roulette wheel with reckless abandon.

## THE TRI-CENTENNIAL

The Famous Bicentennial Year is upon us, and for the next several months we will be faced with the problem of how best to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. This is something of a dilemma. On the one hand, it is desirable that public commemorations be made. They help to stimulate a feeling of solidarity among the citizens of a state. They cause us to forget individual differences of opinion and status, and submerge these concerns in the common purpose of the nation. But on the other hand, a specific commemoration of the events which created the United States of America will inevitably stir up social turmoil of a sort which we have just put down, and whose resuscitation would be highly undesirable.

It cannot be denied that the United States of America began as a violent armed revolution against the greatest Empire the world had yet known, set in motion by self-serving agitators, and assisted by the money, arms, and men of that Empire's enemies. We have seen altogether too much of that sort of thing in the past decade, and it is not desirable that such men be honored. The radicals of our own time spare no pains to compare themselves with the revolutionaries of two centuries ago. Communist literature is dispensed in New York City through the "Jefferson Book Shop"; a poster "Wanted for Treason: George Washington" may be purchased at radical boutiques; a magazine article compares (to their credit!) the British supporters of the Americans with the American supporters of the Vietnamese; a poster attacks the suppression of the Kent State Revolt by showing a mixed group of redcoats and National Guardsmen shooting down a mixed group of colonial Americans and student Pacifists. This sort of thing is absolutely incompatible with the loyalty which Americans owe their nation and its imperial role in the world.

In 1776 the British Empire did not know how to deal with this sort of thing - which is why there is no longer a British Empire. Had they known, as our present and recent Presidents know, that any opposition to the nation's military policy must be instantly, violently, and totally suppressed, there would today be not an American Empire but an Anglo-American one, and George Washington and Thomas Jefferson would be buried in a common obloquy with Louis Riel, Roger Casement, and William Joyce.

Instead of dwelling on the America of two centuries ago, it might be better to consider the America of 1876, the America of 1976, and the America of 2076. In 1876 our nation had already advanced materially towards its obvious present goal of world domination. Even in one century it had extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the Arctic. Though still one among several powers of approximately equal importance, it was already supreme in the Western Hemisphere, and an object of awe to the Eastern. Its economy was second only to Great Britain's, and would soon overtake it. The portents of future hegemony were there for all to see, and were triumphantly shouted forth to all the world at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia.

By 1976 this hegemony is no dream, but a nearly accomplished fact. It is not only in South America but in Europe, Asia, and Africa that the power of the United States of America is a major factor in world politics and arms. If an Asian government is overthrown, or an African colony is set "free", the interests of the United States of America in the event are an instant subject of concern not only in the region, but also in Washington, Moscow, Beijing, Brussels, and other world capitals.

Since 1945 the guiding spirit and single explanation of American military and foreign policy has clearly been the politico-economic domination of the whole world. (No other assumption causes all these events to fall into a single pattern so neatly.) First the colonial empires of the western European powers have been liquidated, and then these nominally independent nations have been penetrated by the immense economic power of the United States. When local people resist, they meet a fate which has been seen in Guatemala, Greece, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea, and Chile, and will now be seen in Indo-China as soon as time can be spared to settle with that peninsula's obstreperous and ungrateful inhabitants. More particularly, it will be seen in Angola, that a few troublemakers in and out of Congress can accomplish nothing; American troops are already in action to secure Angola for the Empire, and more are on the way.

A few Pacifists have apparently decided to imitate their folly of the 1960's by opposing this next war. I have already seen people wearing buttons which read "Hands Off Angola". Before they commit themselves to this suicidal folly, they might go commune with the "Hands Off Vietnam" crowd, which is now living in exile in Sweden and Canada, or filling several U. S. graveyards and prisons, or, having abandoned this nonsense, now may be found handing out tracts for pure water, Krishna, feminism, Jesus, or some other cause which does not endanger the forward march of the American Empire.

What, then, can we anticipate for 2076? If the extrapolation from 1876 to 1976 is carried forward for another hundred years, by the Tricentennial celebration the domination of the United States of America over the entire human species will have long been an accomplished fact. The great investment which today's Americans are making in guns, planes, missiles, ships, and nuclear weapons will be returned to us in the form of cheap and limitless raw materials from the subject regions of the Empire, providing Americans with a standard of living high even by today's standards. Those who want to make peace because war 'lowers the standard of living' will be silenced by the endless torrent of cheap goods won by the force of our arms and the prowess of our armed forces.

This is no fantasy; it is taking place now. Those who resist will be heard of by future generations, if at all, as topics of ridicule. The American media use this as the first line of attack against Pacifist folly. Only if ridicule fails to make Pacifism ineffective are the soldiers called out, for we are a humane people. Americans are urgently counseled not to make the least resistance to our government's plans for world conquest. As the events of the past decade show, the patience of our Presidents is not limitless - but their power is.

1975Q

"Fall 1905"

## WAR RESUMES WITH NEW FACES

Following "Spring 1905" moves, the following retreats were made:

GERMANY: F Bal-Pru.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Boh.

ITALY: F Tyr-Nap.

RUSSIA: F Sev-Arm.

All players were informed. Two of them resigned, and were replaced as follows:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ron Robinson, 2233 Cartwright Place, Reston, Va. 22091

RUSSIA: Cyril Penn (see report on 1975IX in this issue)

ENGLAND (Laves): A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ukr-War ((sic)); A Lon-Kie; F Nth & F Hel C  
A Lon-Kie; A Mun S A Lon-Kie; F Nrg & F Bel hold; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Swe-Nwy.

FRANCE (Johnson): A Gas-Spa; A Bur-Mar; A Pie-Tus; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr-Rom.

GERMANY (Gillespie): A Ber holds; F Pru S A Ber.

ITALY (Westergaard): A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Try-Tri; F Ion-Gre; F Nap-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Robinson): F Tri-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; A Sev S A Rum; A Rum S A Sev; A Con-Smy; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Gal-Ukr; A Boh not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Harsney): No moves received; F Arm, A War &amp; A Ukr hold.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat F Tri-Adr or -Alb or remove the unit; this order should be sent in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Por, Tri, Ven. (5)

Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (12)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Rom, Spa, Tun. (6)

Vie. (7)

GERMANY: Ber. (1)

RUSSIA: War. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

England has 2 builds, Italy and France have 1 each, Germany and Austria-Hungary have 1 removal each, and Russia has 2. The deadline is NOON, SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1976.

## NEW POSTAL RATES

To defray the ever-increasing costs of delaying the mail, the United States Postal "Service" has recently announced an increase in postal rates. As of present writing, this increase is being held up in the courts, but as it will soon be rammed through, I have summarized the new rates below. It is not particularly easy to get hold of them; one source, the 1976 World Almanac, gives the new aerogramme rate as 22¢ on p. 980 and as 18¢ on p. 984. But here they are, as best I can determine. It should be noted that the United States no longer has a domestic air mail service, with resulting delays in copies of GRAUSTARK that are mailed to the south and far west. "P" stands for the Priority Mail Rate, which is \$1.56 to Zones 1, 2, and 3, \$1.58 to Zone 4, \$1.60 to Zone 5, \$1.62 to Zone 6, \$1.64 to Zone 7, and \$1.67 to Zone 8 and foreign countries. The "Foreign" rates apply to all countries except Canada and Mexico, which have their own rate schedule. Of the two Foreign Air Mail rates, "I" applies to the Western, and "II" to the Eastern, Hemisphere. Surface post cards to the US, Canada, and Mexico are 9¢; air post cards to the two latter countries are 14¢. To all other countries surface post cards are 12¢, air post cards are 21¢, and aerogrammes are (probably) 22¢.

class of mail	number of ounces															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Domestic																
1st-cl.	13	24	35	46	57	68	79	90	101	123	134	145	156	P	P	P
3rd-cl.	13	13	24	24	35	35	46	46	57	57	68	68	79	79	90	90
Canada & Mexico																
1st-cl.	13	24	35	46	57	68	79	90	101	123	134	145	156	167	167	167
Air	17	34	51	68	85	102	119	136	153	167	167	167	167	167	167	167
3rd-cl.	13	13	23½	34	44½	55	65½	76	86½	97	107½	113	128½	139	149½	160
Foreign																
1st-cl.	18	31	41	41	82	82	82	82	158	158	158	158	158	158	158	158
3rd-cl.	13	13	24	24	45	45	45	45	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77

Foreign 3rd-class mail is \$1.15 for between 1 and 2 lbs., and \$1.44 for between 2 and 4 lbs.

	number of ounces															
	½	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7		
Foreign air (I)	25	50	75	100	121	142	163	184	205	226	247	268	289	310		
Foreign air (II)	31	62	93	124	150	176	202	228	254	280	306	332	353	384		

Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK, and to its sister publication EMPIRE, will remain at the rate cited on pp. 9-10. If these rates are not effective at the time this issue of GRAUSTARK goes to press, check your local news media for when they go into effect. It is probable that the domestic and foreign rates will become effective on different days, since different laws apply here.

## THE GRAUSTARK CONTEST - II

Frau Kunegunde Fugger, the last survivor of the famous international banking family of that name, is a resident of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel, where she writes a newspaper column called "Mother Fugger's Advice to the War-Torn". She gives advice to public figures who write in with questions about international diplomatic and military situations. Readers are invited to compose a letter to Mother Fugger, with her answer. The entry adjudged best by the Gamesmaster will win a free place in a new postal Diplomacy game. The deadline for entries is TUESDAY 31 MARCH 1976.

Each contestant may submit only one entry, which (question and answer together) should not exceed 500 words. If fewer than 5 entries come in, the Gamesmaster reserves the right not to make an award. The best entries will be printed in GRAUSTARK.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

What really annoys me is why so many Jews are upset at being called racist. If racism means the hatred and persecution of other groups, then have any of us realized what it means when we vehemently deny being racists? It means that we bear no animosity towards the Arabs and would dance for joy if (God forbid) another two or three million would be dumped on our doorstep. Any Jew who seriously wants this should have his head examined. I for one want the Jewish state to be just that - Jewish! I don't want to share Israel with Palestinians, Philistines, Canaanites, Turks, or what have you. I don't want to see any Arab living in Israel as a second-class citizen - I don't want to see any Arab living in Israel, period!" - Richard Aroll, Brooklyn College  
Kingsman, 5 December 1975

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We apparently have one remedy is food prices continue to rise. According to Ms. Carol Miller, a home economics major at California Poly., termites are perfectly palatable. "I have a great termite pilaf recipe," she says, according to the New York Post of 1 December 1975. "If you use wild rice you can't tell the termites from the shafts of rice." She and her husband also regularly eat grasshoppers, bees, crickets, and beetles.

The same paper reported an encounter between a human being and a somewhat larger animal. A wolf escaped from a zoo in Munchen, and a posse of 36 pursuers found a woman stroking its head under the impression that it was a German shepherd. "I've got a nice little dog just like it at home," she told them.

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The motivation behind the anti-busing riots in Boston can easily be found - if you ask the demonstrators themselves. According to Mary McGlory's column in the New York Post of 2 December 1975, epithets containing the word "nigger" are chalked and painted all over the neighborhood. In one case a high school football coach flatly urged his white players to "get the niggers in school tomorrow". Never mind the rhetoric that is heard in court - get down to the neighborhoods and ask the people directly involved, why they're doing what they're doing.

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"Consider your reference...to Rev. 7:9 where the number saved was 'a great multitude which no man could number'. From this Dr. Matrix concludes that the set of saved souls must be infinite and uncountable.

"If Dr. Matrix were not so obtuse, he would realize that God in her infinite wisdom meant the words in her book to be taken literally. 'No man could number' means just that: men could not number but women could.

"In fact, throughout the Bible we find evidence that women were the account keepers and mathematicians. While men were busy with such pursuits as virgin-raping, horn-blowing and yawning, women were inventing number systems.

"To return to Rev. 7:9, we can assume that men knew about fingers and toes. We have evidence that it was rare for more than nine men to assemble peacefully. (If as few as 10 men congregated without a fight, the event was considered miraculous and the ground on which they met was deemed blessed. This is the origin of the Hebrew minyan.) Therefore 'no man could number' means simply an amount greater than 180.

"...To preserve the tradition of feminine mathematics every woman in biblical times gave her daughters names that concealed numbers or mathematical terms. These anagrams were so clever that some carry through even in English translation. Eve, of course, is 'Vee', meaning five. Naomi is contained in 'I am one'...Esther is 'Threes', Dinah 'I hand', denoting both one and five...With this perspective an entirely new numerological analysis of the Bible can be made." - letter, May Beresin, Dept. of Mathematics, Adelphi University, Scientific American, December 1975

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What was Christmas like in New York? Well, when Santa Claus came by overhead (thus severely disturbing a holding pattern at La Guardia Field), you could hear him call, "On Dancer, on Dasher, on Prancer and Vixen, on Comet!" That was all, he'd had to lay off the other three. Things are tough all over.



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Some wag once paraphrased an old nursery rhyme to read:

'The world is so full of such wonderful things,  
But it wasn't as full as it once was of kings.'

It recently got a little fuller of them, when Caudillo Franco died and left Spain to Juan Carlos de Borbon, a direct lineal descendant of Queen Isabella II and whoever her lover was that night. (One of the candidates was the American ambassador, General Sickles.) But the accession of Juan Carlos I, or "Juan the Brief" as he is called locally, did not mean a net gain for the cause of royalty. Just a few days later, King Savang Vatthana of Laos was given his unconditional release by his kinsman, Comrade Prince Souphanouvong, the new Communist Prime Minister. A story is going around, though, that the titular head of state of the new Communist regime will be Crown Prince Vong Savang. (New York Times, 4 December 1975)

Now does this represent an advance or a setback for the cause of monarchy?

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That old reliable stand-by, the Loch Ness Monster, is back in the news again. And what are the two major industries of the Scottish Highlands? Tourism and whiskey!

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During the 1964 presidential campaign, some newspaper columnist dragged out of obscurity a Thackeray novel whose protagonist was named "Barry Lyndon". After getting a laugh estimated at 0.001 on the Richter scale, Barry Lyndon sank back into an obscurity from which he has recently been rescued by Stanley Kubrick. A splendidly ballyhooed film called Barry Lyndon is now coming out, starring Ryan O'Neal as the title role, a sort of 19th-century Tom Jones.

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Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, whose appearance on these shores has evoked a lot of enthusiasm from people who ought to know better, is starting to cut his throat with his own tongue as I predicted in GRAUSTARK #333. In his New York Post column of 6 December 1975, Dollar Bill Buckley scolds his erstwhile hero for (1.) questioning the Warren Report's absolute accuracy, and (2.) saying that Prime Minister Kissinger is so afraid of nuclear war that he is caving in to the Communists in an attempt to avoid it. Buckley calls his Russian counterpart's attention to the Prime Minister's book Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy, which should cure him of the notion that Henry Kissinger is a less dedicated anti-Communist than, say, Solzhenitsyn or Buckley.

If Solzhenitsyn doesn't believe Buckley, he might ask Pham Van Dong in Hanoi whether he thinks that Prime Minister Kissinger is fearful of war.

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Ever since its foundation in 1948, Israel has been selling State of Israel bonds to foreign supporters. These bonds are sold through the Development Corporation for Israel, and may not be redeemed except in Israel until 1990. In effect, bonds as they mature are paid off from the proceeds of selling bonds, but so far Zionist enthusiasm is outrunning the laws of economics, and seems as if it will continue to do so.

Naturally, the DCI has an office in Boston. Under the terms of its lease, it pays the landlord \$1,500 a month in Israel bonds. But they now have a new landlord. In September 17 downtown Boston office buildings were bought by the United Realty Corporation of Kuwait.

The rent is still being paid in these bonds, which go from the DCI to the building's management corporation to the law firm of Hale and Dorr. "It's up to them to get the money to the Kuwaitis," says the president of the management corporation. And, as the New York Times of 7 December 1975 observed in reporting this item, "There will have to be an Israel in 15 years if Kuwait is to get its cash."

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Thirty years ago, when I was futilely chasing nookie in the Methodist Youth Federation, it occurred to me in my few respites from this pursuit that there was an awful lot of Pacifist sentiment floating around the Methodists. It was an odd time and place for it; war against Germany and Japan had just given the United States its present mastery of the world, and the cold war was then getting under way. Besides, almost every Christian denomination has a heartening record of complete and unquestioning support for U.S. military policy, in line with the sound advice of John 14:27 that peace is something best left to another world than this.

Naturally, many missionaries have exercised their duties as US citizens by providing our government with important information about the foreign regions where they work. But now the Methodists are apparently going to show their Pacifistic streak again. According to the New York Times of 21 December 1975, the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church has threatened its missionaries with dismissal if they obey their obligations as citizens to provide information to the Central Intelligence Agency.

The arrogance of these religious fanatics almost passes belief. Fortunately, the United States government has ways of dealing with such dissidents. In 1967, the Internal Revenue Service began cancelling the tax exemptions of Pacifist groups. If a major religious denomination finds its holdings threatened with tax assessment because it undertakes to challenge America's imperial role in the world, it will quickly fall into line.

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